

Bookshelf News

The Friends of the Library experimented with extending the hours of operation for the Bookshelf during the summer months, and we are pleased to report that our sales have increased as a result! Consequently, we will continue to be open 6 days a week - Monday through Friday from 10AM to 4PM and Saturday from 10AM to 2PM. We are delighted to see this valuable service continue to grow in popularity, as profits from the Bookshelf sales enable us to provide much-needed support for the numerous resources the library offers our community. We extend a sincere and heartfelt “Thank you!” to our dedicated volunteers who have made this possible! If you or someone you know would also like to participate in the Bookshelf as a volunteer, please contact Tia Bigelow at ubigelow@wicomico.org or by calling 410.749.3612 ext. 140. Please also continue to spread the word about the Bookshelf and to drop off new or gently-used books and audio visual items at the loading dock (where the bookmobile is parked).



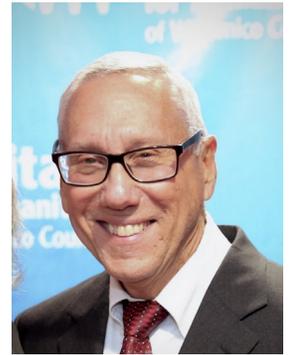
Light of Literacy Returns!

After a 2-year hiatus due to Covid-19, we are looking forward to once again presenting the Light of Literacy Awards to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and organizations that have made contributions to improve literacy in our community! Mark your calendars now and save the date for Thursday, May 18, 2023, when the awards breakfast and ceremony to honor recipients will be held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center from 8:00-10:00 a.m. We are still in the preliminary stages of planning, but look for updated information regarding the current theme, award criteria, and nomination forms to be available on the Light of Literacy website lightofliteracy.org in the near future. Meanwhile, please begin to consider potential nominations of any organizations, groups, businesses or individuals who have created works that promote learning through literacy, who have created an innovative educational program in one of the literacies, developed a program or literacy service that benefits

the community, demonstrated a dedication to excellence in one of the literacies, or motivated others to support the cause of literacy. We wish to honor the “luminaries” in our community who have demonstrated a commitment to helping others and who have made selfless contributions to improve literacy!

Mark Rudnick

Mark Rudnick has become a very active member of the Friends of the Library, who volunteers in the Book Shelf weekly and sometimes twice a week, as well as at the semiannual fall and spring book fairs. He finds it relaxing and enjoyable to help manage the Book Shelf, where he often greets friends he has not seen in a while, meets many new people and helps patrons browse for and locate the types of books they are interested in reading. As he organizes and straightens the material on the shelves, he also delights in discovering new books, DVD’s and CD’s for himself to enjoy, and loves having the opportunity to sometimes read in the quiet, pleasant environment. In addition to his work for the Friends of the Library, Mark has been, and continues to be, extremely active in numerous other organizations in our community. He served as a board member for our local branch of the American Red Cross for several years and as treasurer and board member of Beth Israel Congregation. We are indeed grateful to Mark for the many ways in which he serves our community and especially for his willingness to help volunteer for the Friends of the Library. Thank you, Mark, for your tireless efforts on our behalf!



Save the Date & Kudos!

As the summer comes to a close don’t forget our upcoming membership drive this October 1st! As always, we appreciate all the support from the community in our endeavour to further enrich the library experience for all patrons. Last but not least, a special mention to all our volunteers who helped out with our successful book sale during the Folk Festival. Our nearly \$2000 in sales could not have happened without you!